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Would Have to Tell the Grand Jury of "Summer Night Orgies That for Four Fifth-years Made the Gas Horn Blue"—Reform of "Reformers" Who Escute to Crime to Needed

The Rev. B. F. De Costa spoke at the Church of St. John the Evangelist last night on the moral question, "What would the Grand Jury say if they were told that for four years the Gas Horn Blue had been blowing in the city of New York?" He said that things had been leading up to this issue, and that Col. Grant had performed a useful service by his action. Moral questions had been dragged into the mire and more and more moral distinctions were being lost sight of, sharp and cunning practices being put in the place of a pure and dignified administration. The moral question had been distorted and perverted.

claim to be leaders. Some time ago a crusade started against the police, and leaders who avoided any enunciation of moral principle took for their motto "Anything to beat the police." The motto of the same class of men now might read, "Anything to degrade the police." It would indeed be to force the resignation of Commissioners who took the moral high ground. Usually reviled against methods best suited to men lost to a sense of shame. It was the culmination of a feeling that had been slowly rising in the breasts of thousands of good men, who were sick of the police's degrading and criminal than the crimes that they claimed to oppose. It was high time that all men should be made to see the police as they are and read in the light of reason and morality what it had to say about "inciting to crime."

The clean and open methods," he continued, "are almost impossible to carry out, for they would deal with men and women alike, and result in bringing the rich and elegant man prostitute before the Grand Jury as a witness to testify that summer night orgies for that foul filthiness make the gas burn blue. It is about time that the moral rot underlies administrations, but without first purifying the moral atmosphere before the Grand Jury is called to reform it. What is needed first of all is a reform of certain reformers' who have not attempted to avoid the use of the vilest and least decent methods to immoral and vicious methods, deliberately violating commandments, and seeking to do evil to good men. It is time to clean up the filth we expect in the future, a decent administration for Greater New York."

**Peculiar Action of a Special Grand Jury Sitting in Leadville, Col.**

LEADVILLE, COL., Aug. 1.—The special grand jury appointed by District Judge Owens several weeks ago, when he closed up the gambling houses, made it a point to indict and returned one indictment against the Judge himself. Although the other indictments have not yet been made public, the report scored the Judge and other high officials who have allowed lawlessness to exist here.

Judge Owens, after glancing over the indictments, announced in open court that the jury had indicted him for neglecting to see that one for not enforcing the laws, and the report for allowing tippling places to run. The other also charges the county officials with gross mismanagement, and it is known that

ty commissioners, some of the Aldermen, the ex-Mayor, and other leading citizens here. The jury did think that it best to ladle the head officials rather than the men under them, who were simply compelled to carry out their orders.

Three of the clergy in the city were on the jury. Discharging the jury, the Judge remarked that he was glad to see and said that they had failed utterly in performing their duties.

**RICKED THE POLICEMAN.**

Bluecoat Wounded in His Fight with a County Longford Man.

When the County Longford men's picnic got back to the foot of the Thirty-fifth street at 11 o'clock last night, Rick the Cox of 308 Harrison street clambered over the rail of a bridge to get to the pier. Policeman Michael ordered him

back, and tried to enforce the order physically. Cox landed, however, and kicked the policeman, injuring him severely. He was arrested and the policeman was laid off.

**OBITUARY.**

While on a visit to his son, Thomas G. Hillhouse of 95 High street, Yonkers, Thomas Hillhouse, President of the Metropolitan Trust Company of this city, died on Saturday in his 82d year. He had not felt well for some time, and had left his home at 73 Park avenue about two weeks before, to breathe the air of the country would strengthen him. Mr. Hillhouse had filled many places of trust. He had been State Senator, Adjutant-General of the State, Comptroller of New York, and Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this city.

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Alfred Ritter was born in 1881, and he was elected to the Trusteeship of the Austrian Empire in 1911. He was a widower, four children—Misses Margarete, Marie, Adele and Adelaide—lived in this city. Mr. Walter Ritter, a son of Alfred Ritter, is now in the United States. The Hilhouse of Yonkers survive him.

Dr. John Joseph Curran died of heart disease at his home at 313 West Twelfth street. His brother and partner, Dr. W. F. Curran, was necrosed in the time of the epidemic. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier's church, and to prevent his hearing of it no public announcement was made until a week later. He was buried in St. Francis Xavier's church, had been buried several days before his brother was told of his death. He was born in New York, the anniversary of his birth, Newport, R. I., was his birthplace. After graduation from St. Francis Xavier's college, he was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, receiving his degree about ten years ago. He began practicing in 1892, and died of heart disease, which he died. He was buried in Greenwood.

Charles E. Herring, a Custom House broker of 36 Beaver street, died on Saturday night at his home at 100 West 12th street, of pneumonia, N. J., of a hemorrhage. Mr. Herring was born in 1854, and was 56 years of age.

He was born in East Greenwich, twenty-three years ago. He was a member of the New Jersey Society of the American Revolution and a member of the World War I American Legion. He was a member of the Brick Presbyterian Church, East Orange, N. J., and of the Herring Lake Country Club. His funeral services will be held at Brick Church, East Orange, on one o'clock on Monday. He was the son of Alfred H. Monnet of Brooklyn, a former pastor, will officiate.

John D. Crawford, United States Deputy Collector of Customs, New Orleans, and who had practically administered the office for nearly thirty years, died there yesterday, aged 58. He had been in New Orleans since 1907, and had lived in this country in 1957. Since 1967 he had been in various places in the Custom House of New Orleans, and had been in charge of the office. Knowing as he did all the details of the Custom House, he could not be dispensed with. He had no relatives here, and he was a very good man. He was another without regard to politics. He was a

Andrew G. Coffin, the father of Wholesale Druggist I. Sherwood Coffin of Cliff street, died on Saturday at the summer home of his son at Roslyn, L. I., in his eighty-first year.

Thomas W. Zimmerman, for many years manager and part owner of the Hurst House in Cincinnati, died last night at the College Hill Sanitarium in that city of general physical decline.